

Amendments to the Claims:

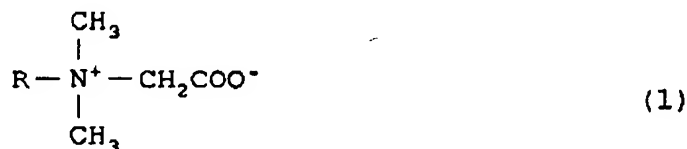
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

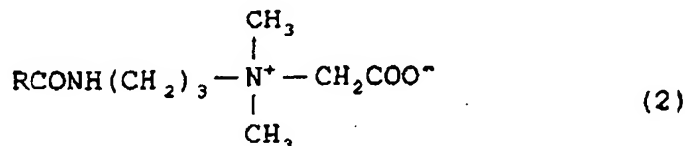
1.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a coloring ~~material agent~~, a resin, at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1,3-butanediol, 3-methoxy-1-butanol and 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol as a main solvent in an amount of 50% by weight or more based on an entire solvent, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized material in an amount of from 0.01 to 15% by weight based on an entire weight of the ink composition, and polypropylene glycol, having a molecular weight of 1,000 or more in an amount of 0.01 to 10% by weight based on the entire weight of the ink composition. ~~and further comprising a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent.~~

12. (Currently amended) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a coloring **material agent**, a resin, at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1,3-butanediol, 3-methoxy-1-butanol and 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol as a main solvent in an amount of 50% by weight or more based on an entire solvent, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized material in an amount of from 0.01 to 15% by weight based on an entire weight of the ink composition, and a chemical substance represented by the following chemical structure (1) or (2), ~~and further comprising a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent:~~



wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms; or



wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms,

as an additive in an amount of 0.5 to 10% by weight based on the entire weight of the ink composition.

13. (Currently amended) An oil-based ink composition for a ballpoint pen comprising at least a coloring agent, a resin, at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1,3-butanediol, 3-methoxy-1-butanol, and 3-methyl-3-methoxy-1-butanol as a main solvent in an amount of 50% by weight or more based on an entire solvent, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized material in an amount of from 0.01 to 15% by weight based on an entire weight of the ink composition, ~~a solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether each having a vapor pressure of 0.001 mmHg or more at 25°C and having~~

~~no aromatic ring in a molecular structure as a main solvent which occupies 50% or more of an entire solvent and, further, a coloring material, a resin, a phosphoric acid ester neutralized mixture and, still further, and~~ an additional solvent selected from the group consisting of an alcohol having an aromatic ring, a polyhydric alcohol and a glycol ether ~~each having an aromatic ring~~ in an amount, of from 0.1 to 15% by weight based on an entire weight of the ink composition, ~~of from 0.1 to 15% by weight~~.

14. (Currently amended) An oil-based ballpoint pen, containing an oil-based ink composition according to Claim ~~4~~ 11 in a refill.

15. (Original) The oil-based ballpoint pen according to Claim 14, further containing an ink follower in a rear of the ink in the refill.